

# Bandits kill six, abduct women, children in Zamfara

An unspecified number of gunmen have unleashed terror on Rijiya village in Gusau, Zamfara State capital, killing six persons and injuring many.

Some women and children were also kidnapped in the attack.

An eyewitness, who spoke with BBC Hausa, explained that the bandits stormed the community around noon on Sunday with motorcycles and started shooting sporadically resulting in the killing of the six villagers.

The source said: "We were taken unaware when the bandits stormed the

community and started house to house search for women. Those who were kidnapped were mostly married women and children, including nursing babies.

"As I am talking, nobody can exactly say the number of people kidnapped as everyone was running helter-skelter for the safety of their lives."

According to the source, the bandits penetrated the Rijiya community through the Tsafe Local Government Area of the state when some of the villagers were already on their farms.